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Overview



OVERVIEW

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South Australia has an area of 985,335 square kilometres (12.8% of the total Australian land mass) and shares a border with all other mainland states and the Northern Territory. South Australia is the driest of the Australian States and Territories and supplements its water supply with water piped from the River Murray, the only major river in the State. The estimated population at September 2008 was 1,607,747 or 7.5% of the total Australian population. The Gross State Product of South Australia in 2007-08 was \$70,922m, which was 6.5% of Australia's Gross Domestic Product.

This product provides a general overview of South Australia.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA AS A PROPORTION OF AUSTRALIA

% of Australian total

Area	12.8
Population	7.5
Births	7.0
Deaths	8.7
Population aged 0 - 14	7.0
Population aged 65 and over	8.7
Population aged 80 and over	9.4
Retail turnover	7.2
Merchandise imports (\$m)	3.6

Merchandise exports (\$m)	5.7
Labour force - trend	7.3
New motor vehicle sales	6.3
Gross value of agricultural commodities	11.8
Gross value of aquaculture and fisheries production	19.5
Wine grape crush	45.3
Winemaking locations	31.5

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POPULATION

Composition	South Australia September qtr 2008(a)	Australia September qtr 2008(a)(b)
Total population ('000)	1 607	21 542
Male population ('000)	793	10 717
Female population ('000)	813	10 825
Population		
Aged 0-14 years (%)	18.1	19.2
Aged 15-64 years (%)	66.6	67.5
Aged 65 years and over (%)	15.3	13.2

(a) Estimated resident population.

(b) Includes Other Territories.

South Australia June 2008

Australia June 2008

Median age of total population (years)	39.0	36.9
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	South Australia June 2006	Australia June 2006(a)
Indigenous population ('000)	28.1	517.0
Median age of Indigenous population (years)	21.2	21.0

(a) Includes Other Territories.

Population growth(a)	South Australia 2007-08	Australia 2007-08
Births ('000)	20.2	287.7
Deaths ('000)	12.4	142.0
Net overseas migration ('000)	14.3	213.7
Net interstate migration ('000)	-4.5	-
Total population increase ('000)	17.6	359.3
Total population growth (%)	1.1	1.7

(a) Preliminary.

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FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

Living arrangements	South Australia 2007	Australia 2007
Average family size (persons)	2.9	3.0
Families with children aged under 15 years ('000)	160.0	2 240.0
Couple families	361.0	4 773.0
Proportion of persons aged 65 years and over who live alone (%)	29.1	25.8
Proportion of children aged under 15 living in one-parent families (%)	23.4	19.5

Demographics	South Australia 2007(a)	Australia 2007(a)
Marriage rate (per 1,000 population)(b)	5.1	5.5
Divorce rate (per 1,000 population)	2.2	2.3
Median duration of marriage until separation (years)	10.4	8.9

(a) At 30 June 2007.

(b) Preliminary.

	South Australia 2007	Australia 2007
Total fertility rate (per female) (no.)	1.92	1.93
Births outside marriage (% of total births)	36.6	33.4

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HEALTH

Health status	South Australia 2007	Australia 2007
Mortality		

Standardised death rate (per 1,000 population)	6.0	6.0
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	4.5	4.2
Life expectancy at birth		
Males (years)	78.8	79.0
Females (years)	83.9	83.7

Causes of death(a)	South Australia 2007	Australia 2007
Leading causes(a)		
Malignant neoplasms (cancer) (rate)	175.2	173.5
Ischaemic heart diseases (rate)	100.7	96.3
Cerebrovascular diseases (strokes) (rate)	50.4	48.2
Dementia and Alzheimer's disease (rate)	33.3	30.0

(a) Standardised death rate per 100,000 persons.

Road deaths(a)	South Australia 2008	Australia 2008
Road crash deaths (number)	99	1 463
Road deaths (rate per 100,000 population)	6.2	6.8
Males, of all road deaths (%)	71.7(b)	73.5

(a) Source: Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government - Monthly Bulletins.

(b) Source: SA Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure.

Health insurance	South Australia December 2008	Australia December 2008
Total insured persons ('000)	721	9 657
Proportion of population with a health insurance policy (%) (a)	44.8	44.8
Total adults with lifetime hospital cover ('000)	530	6 954

(a) Preliminary.

Source: Public Health Insurance Administration Council - Quarterly Industry Statistics.

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LABOUR MARKET

Labour force - trend	South Australia March 2009	Australia March 2009
Total labour force ('000)	836.2	11 405.0
Participation rate (%)	63.3	65.5
Females in total labour force (%)	46.2	45.6
Total unemployed ('000)	48.3	612.8
Unemployment rate - aged 15 and over (%)	5.8	5.4
Unemployment rate - aged 15-19 (%) (a)	13.4	17.6

(a) Original series only.

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HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Disposable income	South Australia 2007-08	Australia 2007-08
Gross household disposable income per capita (\$)	30 404	32 898
Average weekly earnings(a)	South Australia November qtr 2008	Australia November qtr 2008
Persons (\$)	848.60	911.30
Males (\$)	1 009.50	1 101.70
Females (\$)	683.60	720.10

(a) Total earnings, trend.

Housing occupancy and costs, all households	South Australia 2005-06	Australia 2005-06
Mean housing cost per week (\$)	145	185
Housing costs as a proportion of gross income (%)	13	14

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

	South Australia 2008	Australia 2008
School students ('000)	258.4	3 457.0
Proportion of full-time students in government schools ('000)	64.6	65.9
	South Australia 2007	Australia 2007
Higher education students ('000)(a)	72.9	1 029.9
Overseas students - of all higher education students (%) (a)	28.3	26.5
Vocational Education and Training students ('000)(b)	123.0	1 665.0

(a) Source: Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) - Selected Higher Education Statistics, 2007.

(b) Source: National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) - Students and Courses, 2007.

	South Australia 2008	Australia 2008
Apprentices and trainees(a)(b)	33.5	429.5
(a) As at 30 September, 2008.		
(b) Source: National Centre for Vocational Education Research - Apprentices and Trainees, September quarter, 2008.		

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CRIME AND JUSTICE

Corrective services	South Australia 2008	Australia 2008
Persons in full time custody (average daily number)	1 908	26 885
Males, as a proportion of all persons in full time custody (%)	93.4	92.9
Imprisonment (rate)(a)	153.5	164.7

(a) Rate per 100,000 adult population.

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INTERNET ACTIVITY

	South Australia 2007-08	Australia 2007-08
Proportion of households with internet connection (%)	62	67

	South Australia June qtr 2008	Australia June qtr 2008
Internet service subscribers ('000)	496	7 228

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VOLUNTARY WORK

	South Australia 2006	Australia 2006
Volunteers ('000)	367.6	5 226.5
Volunteer rate (%)	31.4	34.1
Average annual hours (hours)	123.6	130.0

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AGRICULTURE

	South Australia June 2007	Australia June 2007
Establishments with agricultural activity (no.)	13 999	134 353
Area of farms ('000 ha)	50 065	425 449
Area planted to crops ('000 ha)	4 450	23 530

	South Australia 2006-07	Australia 2006-07
Agricultural businesses irrigating (no.)	6 447	41 787
Volume of water applied (ML)	966 057	7 636 194

	South Australia 2007-08	Australia 2007-08
Gross value of total agriculture (\$m)(a)	5 247.6	44 581.4
Barley (\$m)	460.9	2 245.5
Grapes (\$m)	762.8	1 698.2
Potatoes (\$m)	284.4	691.6
Wheat (\$m)	940.8	5 425.9

(a) Preliminary.

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MANUFACTURING

	South Australia 2006-07	Australia 2006-07
Sales and service income (\$m)	28 586.0	377 930.0
Employment (persons) ('000)	99.1	1 014.1

MINING

	South Australia 2006-07	Australia 2006-07
Mineral commodities produced (\$m)	3 411	104 487
Copper (\$m)	1 532	7 525
Natural gas (\$m)	340	2 915
Uranium oxide (\$m)	299	664

FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE

	South Australia 2006-07	Australia 2006-07
Quantity caught ('000 t)	60.6	240.3
Gross value (\$m)	426.5	2 181.6

Source: [Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Fisheries Research and Development Corporation, Australian Fisheries Statistics 2007](#).

CONSTRUCTION WORK DONE(a)

	South Australia 2007-08	Australia 2007-08
New residential building (\$m)	2 074.7	34 613.2
Alterations and additions to residential building (\$m)	349.9	6 478.3
Non-residential building (\$m)	1 411.6	29 846.2
Engineering construction (\$m)	2 466.9	58 297.2

(a) Chain volume measures, reference year 2006-07.

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES

	South Australia 2007-08	Australia 2007-08
Total vehicles (no.)	64 238	1 012 165
Passenger vehicles (no.)	39 127	596 766
Sports utility vehicles (no.)	11 336	194 459
Other vehicles (no.)	13 775	220 940

RETAIL TRADE

	South Australia 2008	Australia 2008
Retail turnover (\$m)	15 826.5	220 718.5
Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services (\$m)	1 734.3	26 230.4
Clothing and soft good retailing (\$m)	783.4	15 493.8
Department stores (\$m)	1 497.1	18 357.6
Food retailing (\$m)	6 832.4	90 042.3
Household good retailing (\$m)	2 654.7	36 856.4
Other retailing (\$m)	2 324.6	33 738.1

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GAMING MACHINES

	South Australia December qtr 2008
Net gaming revenue (\$m)	193.4

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Gaming machines (number)	12 722
Venues with a gaming license (number)	569

Source: Office of the Liquor and Gambling Commissioner, SA - Quarterly Gaming Statistics 2008-2009.

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TOURIST ACCOMMODATION(a)

	South Australia Sep qtr 2008	Australia Sep qtr 2008
Hotels, motels and serviced apartments (no.)	257	4 267
Guest arrivals ('000)	536.7	10 243.9

(a) Establishments containing 15 or more rooms.

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INTERNATIONAL TOURISM

International tourism	South Australia 2008	Australia 2008
Visitors ('000)	357	5 167
Average length of stay (nights)	19	32
Expenditure (\$m)	504	15 567

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PRICES

	Adelaide 2007-08	Australia 2007-08(a)
Consumer Price Index (CPI)(b)		
All groups (%)	3.8	3.7
Food (%)	6.2	5.6
Alcohol and tobacco (%)	6.8	5.8
Clothing and footwear (%)	-1.9	0.2
Housing (%)	6.8	6.5
Household contents and services (%)	2.0	0.4
Health (%)	4.8	4.9
Transportation (%)	-1.6	-1.2
Communication (%)	0.6	0.5
Recreation (%)	1.6	1.3
Education (%)	4.7	4.8
Financial and insurance services (%)	6.4	7.0
House Price Index(b)		
Established house (%)(c)	2.0	-3.3
Project home (%)	7.6	4.5

(a) Weighted average of eight capital cities.

(b) Percentage change from December quarter 2007 to December quarter 2008.

(c) Preliminary.

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

	South Australia 2007-08	Australia 2007-08
Total exports (\$m)	10 338	180 857
Total imports (\$m)	7 342	202 307

BUSINESS ENTRIES AND EXITS

	South Australia 2006-07	Australia 2006-07
Businesses Operating at End of Financial Year ('000)	144	2 012
Entries During the Financial Year ('000)	21	335
Exits During the Financial Year ('000)	19	287

Environment



ENVIRONMENT

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CLIMATE

Location	Average annual rainfall	Total rainfall 2008	Average daily temperature - 2008			
	mm	mm	January Max °C	Min °C	July Max °C	Min °C
Adelaide	550	402	31.0	17.5	14.8	7.4
Ceduna	296	206	27.7	15.6	18.1	6.4
Coober Pedy	118	108	38.1	23.1	18.9	6.3
Mt. Gambier	706	631	26.5	12.2	12.6	4.9
Pt Augusta	180	164	35.1	20.0	17.1	5.3
Pt Lincoln	385	380	25.9	16.3	15.3	7.4
Renmark	221	213	34.0	16.9	15.8	3.7
Victor Harbor	508	531	23.4	14.9	14.9	6.5

Source: [Bureau of Meteorology, Adelaide](#).

WATER USAGE

Water consumption

South Australia 2006-07

South Australia 2007-08

Total volume delivered		
Statewide (ML)	245 587	218 965
Metropolitan (ML)	156 014	139 352
Country (ML)	89 572	79 613
Average residential consumption per household (KL)	241	191

Water sources	South Australia 2006-07	South Australia 2007-08
Total water (ML)	245 587	218 965
Provided by the River Murray (%)	91.0	85.0
Provided by surface water (%)	2.9	8.1
Provided by groundwater (%)	6.1	6.8

Sources: [SA Water, Annual Report 2007-08](#); [SA Water, Annual Report 2006-07](#).

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About this Release

Contains condensed information on South Australia as a proportion of Australia, and summary information on population, vital statistics, health, education, labour, prices, agriculture, mining, construction, manufacturing, retail trade, foreign trade, tourist accommodation, transport, private finance and state accounts.

Explanatory Notes

Abbreviations

The following symbols and abbreviations are used in this publication:

°C	degrees Celcius
\$	dollars
KL	kilolitres (1 kilolitre = 1,000 litres)
ML	megalitres (1 megalitre = 1,000 kilolitres)
mm	millimetres
\$m	million dollars
no.	number
..	not applicable
%	percent
% chg	percentage change
qtr	quarter

'000 ha thousand hectares
'000 t thousand tonnes
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